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REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been canceled and new claims 10-19 are submitted herewith which are deemed to more clearly define the invention and distinguish the same over the references of record.

Each of the newly submitted claims provides for at least one conduit having the end portions thereof inserted in openings of a drive shaft and the housing of a gear assembly with which the drive shaft is operatively connected which interconnects fluid passageways in such housing and drive shaft, functional to supply a fluid to the piston of a chamber utilized to axially displace a pulley section relative to such a drive shaft, in a transmission. Neither Van Deursen et al nor Okano et al discloses or teaches any such conduit interconnecting a pair of passageways in a drive shaft and the housing of a gear mechanism for supplying a fluid for displacing a pulley section. Van Deursen et al simply provides a passageway disposed between a piston 9 rigidly secured to shaft 2 and an axially displaceable plate 4, intercommunicating a bore 11 in shaft 2 and chamber 8, and Okano et al simply provides an arrangement for supplying motive fluids through shaft 2 and openings 2c and 2d which communicate with opposite sides of piston 36.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the newly submitted claims 10-19 be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

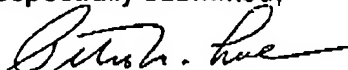
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Respectfully submitted,



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